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FOIA APPEAL: PA APPEAL

Dear Mr. Boardman,

In a federal court yesterday I heard another intelligence agency claim that the year before's unrefrigerated milk-toast was properly classified under an executive order that had not been promulgated at the time of that FOIA request. When counsel started to address the court the judge said, and this is approximate,"Save your breath, counsel. You never get anything from them until you get them in court."

This is pertinent to all your denials stamp dated March 3, all of which I appeal through you in the hope that you will stop this horsing around and have the right files searched by the right people, not the wrong files by people who are blind.

I find nothing wrong with my request not responded to in your third paragraph. However, I will for now limit it to the assassinations of President Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. If I want everything, which I believe is what my request stated, then obviously it has to be a broad request. If you persist in claiming that this does not meet the criteria I want something more than your interpretation of that criteria. I want a specific citation of how my request fails to meet what language of the Act.

With regard to NSA's 11/5/56 about me to the FBI which you claim not to have and to have received only by accident from the FBI on 2/24 I'd recommend that you lean back in your chair and ask yourself who in the world could believe you.

You told the Director of the FBI that I "was dismissed from the Department of State because of indirect association with representatives of foreign powers."

NSA does not keep this kind of record?

It has no record of any kind about one who could be considered a clear threat to the nation's security? Then for what purpose does NSA exist? To generate paper that it systematically contributes to the recycling campaign?

It has no record of how it obtained this apparently national security information? You forget I told you I have the names of some of your agents who investigated me as well as that this does not represent all the NSA files on me of which I know.

How can you really believe that when I am alleged by NSA to pose this great threat to the country and it has the information it then ddisposes of it? Yet this is precisely what you have sent me. You have to know better.

Unless there is an established right to privacy with regard to name only for a candidate for government employment you have no right to mask that name. Clearly there is no provacy with regard to the names of three people "associating or having associated with" me. The language of the Act is "clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy." You have to show that it is "clearly unwarranted" when from your own claim there is no privacy at all. These are alleged to be my associates.

You haven't even bothered to claim even a frivolous exemption for the other withholding.

I know enough about these matters to know that someone over there is embarrassed and that you pretend what exists does not as the lesser evil. It is an unpopular concept in the spookeries, all of which are outraged that the Congress dare enact laws applicable to them,all considering themselves above any law, but the law does apply to all of you. So I am again asking that you end these demeaning games and have a proper and complete search made pursuant to my request of years ago. I also ask that you use this letter to the FBI as a basis for initiating further searches on the leads it does provide. Neither the craft nor the craftiness of intelligence are entirely strange to me. I was in it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg